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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Sir, I have given specific dates from which these experiments were discontinued. I request the hon. Member to make enquiries and ascertain the reasons for the discontinuance of these experiments. We want the figures for settlement purposes. I personally ascertained from the office of the Director of Agriculture that these experiments had been discontinued."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Habib-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur :—" These experiments are no longer conducted by officers of the Land Revenue Department; they are being attended to by officers of the Agricultural Department."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" I know that the experiments have been discontinued by the Land Revenue Department staff and that they have been ordered to be conducted by the Agricultural Department staff. It is because the Agricultural Department also have discontinued, I want the reasons for the discontinuance."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Habib-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur :—" That information is not within my knowledge, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" I give the hon. the Revenue Member a statement of fact; will he not be pleased to make enquiries at least now?"

Representation of Provincial-aided Teacher-managers' Association in the District Educational Councils.

883- *Q.*—Khan Sahib A. P. I. Saiyid Ibrahim Ravuttar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the names of the districts in the Madras Presidency wherein the Provincial-aided Teacher-managers' Association has not been represented in the District Educational Councils?

A.—All districts except Madras.

II

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL.

The Secretary laid on the table the Press Communique,* dated the 5th February 1923, issued with reference to the resolution passed by the Council at the meeting of the 14th September 1922 to increase the number of Government audit certificate-holders.

III

MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR 1923-24.

The Raja of Ramnad :—" Mr. President, may I just bring to your notice the fact that copies of motions on the budget were furnished to us only a few minutes ago, just before the Council assembled? I wish to know whether we are not entitled to some notice with reference to these reductions of budget grants."

The hon. the President :—" We are going to take up now Demand V—Registration, and surely motions on this demand were circulated to the hon. Members on Monday last."

* Vide Appendix on page 2364 infra.